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TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE:

SACCO - VANZETTI DEFENSE COMMITTEE (Protest Meeting-Anarchist Activit

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FACTS DEVELOPED:

At Boston, Mass.

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Agent, accompanied by Agent [REDACTED] of this office, attended

a protest meeting of the Sacco-Vanzetti Defense Committee held in Franklin Union Hall, Boston, on Wednesday evening, May 2, 1923, at 8 P.M.

About sixty persons were present, including six women and two uniformed police officers. The largest part of the audience were Italians. No admission fee was charged, and no collection was taken. The American Flag was conspicuously placed on the stage.

The chairman was Mrs. Elizabeth Glendower Evans of this city who, after a few preliminary remarks, introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. Jacob Margolis of Pittsburg, Pa. That Mrs. Evans was not well acquainted with the speaker may be inferred from the fact that she was obliged to ask him for his name.

During her remarks, mention was made by Mrs. Evans of her close acquaintance with Sacco and Vanzetti at the Norfolk County Jail in Dedham. She represented them as being possessed of extraordinary virtues, said they were being "railroaded" to the electric chair, and claimed that she was at a loss to understand why, of all men, the authorities should have selected these two on whom to fasten the crime with which they were charged and of which they were guiltless.

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The speaker of the evening, Mr. Margolis, stated this was his first speech made in Massachusetts in the interests of Sacco and Vanzetti, although he had engaged in their behalf in several other states. He deplored the lack of that class consciousness on the part of the work class, which he declared existed in European countries, and which made impossible in those countries such incidents as the Tom Mooney case and the present case of Sacco-Vanzetti. He ridiculed the worker who is satisfied all his life to remain a mere automaton and whose slogan is "a fair day's work for a fair day's pay". He extolled the ultra radical who comes to this country to arouse the working class to consciousness of their power, and claimed it is when the employing class becomes uneasy and even afraid of the result of such movements that they reach out and put someone in jail. This, he said, was the explanation of the arrest of Mooney and of Sacco and Vanzetti. One regrettable result of the arrest of such men is that it diverts the best brains of the radical group to efforts in behalf of their imprisoned comrades, and halts for the moment any concerted movement looking to the betterment of the workers as a class. The employing class purpose and desire such a result, said Mr. Margolis, even though it affords only a temporary respite from the onward movement of the labor world.

Mr. Margolis is regarded as a fluent and forceful speaker, and his language and accent betokens a man of more than ordinary education. He stated that he has lived all his life in Pittsburgh. His features would indicate that he is perhaps of Jewish extraction. His remarks were distinctly not of an inflammatory nature, and at no time was his audience aroused to a state of excitement.

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Mrs. Evans distributed among the audience lavender-colored cards which advertised that a dance, the proceeds of which is to be devoted to the Sacco-Vanzetti defense, will be held in the Scenic Auditorium, Berkeley St., Boston, on Friday evening, May 18, 1923, admission fifty cents. These cards are headed "Sacco & Vanzetti are still in jail - Dance Them Back to Freedom", and bear the union label of the Allied Printing Trades Council, Boston, shop No. 32.

The meeting adjourned at 9.45 P.M.

Case concluded.

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TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE:

**SACCO-VANZETTI DEFENSE COMMITTEE -- Radical Activities**

FACTS DEVELOPED:

At Boston, Mass. *61-126*

Reference is made to Agent's previous reports on this case.  
Subject SACCO is at the present time under observation at  
the Bridgewater State Hospital for the Criminal Insane. It is expected  
that there will be a hearing on this case in a short time.

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*E. SNOW*  
*Acty in Charge*

TFB/QA

June 28, 1923.

Mr. F. H. Hessler,  
P. O. Box 831,  
Detroit, Mich.

61-126

Dear Sir:-

I have noted from the weekly report on Radical Activities submitted by your office that confidential informant [redacted] has learned from one SHALNUK, a prominent member of the Union of Russian Workers in Detroit, that Italian anarchists have made preparations to assist Sacco and Vanzetti and that in the near future "the world will learn of great surprises in that part of the country".

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I am interested in this statement and desire that [redacted] make an effort to secure further information concerning any activities of Italian anarchists indicating possible violence on behalf of Sacco and Vanzetti.

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Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*  
Director

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TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE:

RE: **SACCO--VANZETTI--** Being prosecuted in Norfolk and Plymouth District. **Radicals.**

FACTS DEVELOPED: **Kansas City, Mo. K.C. File 10004 Attention Mr. Hoover-2**

STATUS REPORT. *61-126*  
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Reference is made to the report of Agent **[REDACTED]** dated February 28, 1923, Kansas City, Mo., entitled as above.

As it appears that no further investigation is to be required of this office in this matter this report is made in the Kansas City office to mark the case closed.

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SACCO-VANZETTI DEFENCE COMMITTEE -- Alleged Anarchist Activities

FACTS DEVELOPED:

At Dedham, Mass.

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Continuing previous reports on above-captioned matter, Agent attended the hearings held before Judge Thayer at the Dedham Court, Dedham, Mass. on October 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

On all three days there were present at the hearings about thirty people. Among the number were seven American women sympathizers one Aldieno Felicani, an Italian prominent in radical matters and four or five other Italians.

Evidence was presented by the defence who were represented by lawyers Thompson and Hill, the Government being represented by District Attorney Williams and former District-Attorney Katzman. Presentation of evidence and argument were closed in the late afternoon of October 3rd and the case taken under advisement by the Judge who will report his findings at the Dedham Court, October 22nd.

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**SACCO-VANZETTI DEFENSE COMMITTEE** --- **Alleged Anarchist Activit.**

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FACTS DEVELOPED:

At Dedham, Mass.

Continuing report of Agent on above-captioned matter.

The hearing for a new trial for defense based upon alleged new evidence alleged to have been discovered by attorneys for the defense, was opened at Dedham Court House, Judge Thayer sitting, at ten o'clock October 22nd.

Numerous affidavits and supplementary affidavits were presented by lawyers for the defense. The majority of the above-mentioned affidavits had to do with expert testimony on guns and bullets and there were two affidavits from Government witnesses who had taken affidavits to the effect that what they stated at the trial was not true.

The Government met the affidavits of the witnesses with counter affidavits in which it was stated that the affidavits procured from the Government witnesses by the defense were procured under duress and extraordinary conditions and they wished to emphasize the fact that their original statements at the time of the trial, in which they both appeared for the Government, were true. It is expected that these hearings will continue for four or

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SACCO-VANZETTI DEFENSE COMMITTEE - Anarchist Activities

FACTS DEVELOPED:

At Dedham, Mass.

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Hearing on motion for a new trial before Judge Webster Thayer, sitting at Court House, Dedham, Mass. was held on November 12th and arguments of counsel for Government and defense were concluded at 5:45 P. M., at which time case was taken under advisement by the Judge and his findings will be reported at a later date.

The hearings on above-captioned matter commenced October 22nd and were finished November 12th. The only radicals of note who attend the trial were ADELINO FELICANI and FRANK R. LOPEZ.

It is currently reported that the sum of \$200,000. - which is alleged to have been collected by the SACCO-VANZETTI COMMITTEE - is about exhausted. This statement was made to Agent by one Hayes Jones, who has attended every sitting of the court for the purpose of making reports to the SACCO-VANZETTI DEFENSE COMMITTEE, from whom he receives his salary.

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five more days, at which time the entire question of a new trial will be taken under advisement by the judge and an early answer returned.

During the course of the hearing the attendance was not very large.

There are a number of American women sympathizers who are in attendance every day, one Aldieno Felicani, an Italian prominent in radical matters and five or six other <sup>X</sup>Italians.

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Department of Justice,  
Bureau of Investigation.

P. O. Box 3185,  
7 Water St., Boston, Mass.

LL:JMC

February 19, 1924.

William J. Burns, Esq.,  
Director, Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with instructions con-  
tained in S.A.C. Letter No. 71, dated December  
8, 1921, I am enclosing herewith clipping from  
the Boston "Herald" of even date regarding the  
Sacco-Vanzetti trial which may be of interest  
to you.

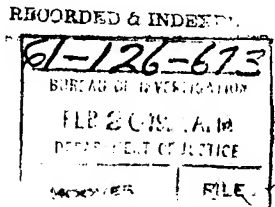
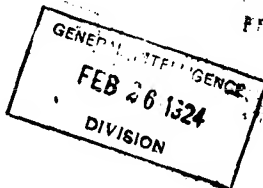
Yours very truly,

*Lawrence Letherman*

Lawrence Letherman,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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William J. Burns, Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Mr. Burns:

In conversation with Governor Channing Cox of this State, yesterday, he spoke of a matter that he is deeply interested in and one which he would like to go into deeper with me on some other occasion in the near future, and that is in reference to the vast sum of money which has been raised, already, and still continues to be raised, by the Sacco-Vanzetti defense organization, which, though ostensibly being raised for the defense of the murderers, he, the Governor, thinks is going into the hands of grafters who are headed by Attorney Moore, who came here from Los Angeles, California, established an office in Pemberton Square, and is devoting his entire time to the defense of the defendants and to raising this vast sum of money. Attorney Moore defended Mooney in California.

Governor Cox stated, also, that large sums are being received by Moore from rich men and women around Boston, who are cranks on the subjects of anarchy and militant socialism, and he believes that the matter should be looked into very carefully and at once. In a few words, he thinks that the Sacco-Vanzetti excitement gives an opportunity to unscrupulous grafters to put across an immense swindle.

It appears to me that this is a case for the Post Office Inspectors to investigate, as, undoubtedly, the majority of the subscriptions to this fund are being received by mail. However, this Bureau being interested in other features of the case, perhaps a co-operation between our Bureau and the Post Office Inspectors might be deemed advisable.

However, I am sending this to you for your personal information and for such action as you may

William J. Burns, Director

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Nov. 5, 1921.

deem expedient in the premises.

Very truly yours,

*Laurie L. Luntz*

Assistant Special Agent in Charge.

Department of Justice,

Bureau of Investigation.

7 Water Street, Boston, Mass.

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William J. Burns, Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Burns:

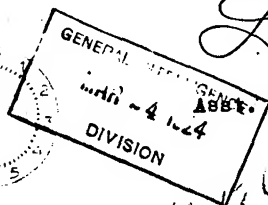
Mr. Bancroft has just called me up on the 'phone from the court room in Dedham, Massachusetts, where the appeal of Sacco and Vanzetti for a new trial is being heard before Judge Thayer, the trial judge, and informed me that he has just had a confidential talk with Judge Thayer, and that the Judge stated that in the event a new trial of the defendants is denied, they will undoubtedly carry their case to the Supreme Court, and that the appeal could not be heard by that body until next March; that in the event they do so carry their case, the men will not be sentenced by him until after the verdict of the Supreme Court is handed down, and should the men not appeal to the Supreme Court he will not sentence them immediately.

We will keep you constantly advised of every move in this important case.

Very truly yours,

*Lawrence C. Sherman*

Asst. Special Agent in Charge.



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THE PRESIDENT OF USA

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Mr. H. S. White,  
P. O. Box 452,  
Norfolk, Va.

Dear Sir:

There is quoted below a telegram which has been received, directed to the President, from Beckley, W. Va., dated July 5, 1924.

SUBSCRIBE IS TO YOU LET KNOW FAITHFUL REFLEX  
OF THE OPINION TAKEN YESTERDAY FOR IN ASSEMBLY OF  
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THAT THEY ARE FREE OF ANY CRIME OF OUR HUMAN SPIRIT  
DEMAND QUICK REPARATION AND LIBERTY TO THOSE  
INNOCENT IN THE NAME OF THE ASSEMBLY THE COMMISSION

The above is quoted for your information and for such attention as may be appropriate, when an Agent from your Office is next in the vicinity of Beckley, West Virginia.

Very truly yours,

Acting Director.

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**Department of Justice,**

**Bureau of Investigation.**

P. O. B.X 452  
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA.

July 11, 1934.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

IN RE: ANARCHISTS' ACTIVITIES.  
Beckley, West Virginia.

Dear Sir: Attention Mr. Hoover.

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 9, 1934, initialed TEB:J.M., relative to the above matter.

I have made arrangements by mail with an informant at Beckley, West Virginia, to secure whatever information is available as to the identity of the sender of the telegram in question, and as to the personnel of any Spanish or Italian anarchists societies at that place. Any information secured will be reported to you in due course.

Respectfully yours,

*H. S. White*  
H. S. WHITE,  
AGENT IN CHARGE.

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O SACCO-VANZETTI DEFENCE COMMITTEE

::: Alleged Anarchist  
Activities.~~XXXXXXXXXX~~SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

This case has been kept open for final  
disposition at Superior Court, Dedham, Mass.

DETAILS:

Reference is had to all previous reports in the above-  
entitled matter. Agent desires to report that this case is still  
pending in the Superior Court for Norfolk County, Dedham, Mass.,  
and as soon as final disposition is made Agent will submit further  
report. In the meantime this case is considered closed at Boston  
office.

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ANARCHISTS' ACTIVITIES,  
Beckley, West Virginia.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

NORFOLK FILE NUMBER 61-3

Investigation at Beckley, West Virginia fails to disclose identity of persons who sent telegram to the President on July 5, 1924, demanding the liberty of Sacco and Vancetti. No information available as to any Spanish or Italian Anarchist's societies in the vicinity of Beckley, W. Va.

DETAILS:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of July 9, 1924, initialed TFB:J.M? in which is quoted a telegram received by the President of the United States from Beckley, West Virginia under date of July 5, 1924, signed "The Commission", and demanding the release of Sacco and Vancetti.

Knowing that the West Virginia State Police had an official organization at Beckley, West Virginia, this matter was taken with them by mail, and the result of their investigation is covered in the following letter, which has just been received:

October 15, 1924.

"Your letter of Oct. 10th received also your letter of July 11th. is on file at this office but there has been no report made to your office at this date.

On July 5, 1924 about 2:53 P.M. three appear:

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at the office of the Western Union Telegraph Co., at Beckley, W. Va. One of these men wrote the telegram quoted in your letter of July 11 in long hand and stated to the office manager, who received the message, that they had held a meeting the day before and decided to send a telegram to the President of the United States. The manager receiving the message asked them for their names and return address in case an answer was received. They did not give him any names but told him that they were from Riley, W. Va. All the description the office manager could give was that they were young men and he believed them to be Italians.

We made an investigation at Riley, which is a small mining camp located about four miles from Beckley and owned by the Elkhorn Piney Coal Mining Co., but was unable to obtain any information concerning any meeting of foreigners held in that locality on July 4. We have been unable to find any trace of these three men after they were at the telegraph office or the activities of any Spanish or Italian anarchists societies in this section but we will continue our efforts along these lines and may be able to furnish you with information in the near future.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Lloyd Layman, Lieutenant W. Va.  
State Police.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE  
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to No.

Op-16-B



20 November 1924.

61-126

Subject: Translation from Lithuanian "Laisve"  
on Russian Communists' Aid to Sacco and  
Vanzetti.

Sir:

I am forwarding for your information  
a copy of the Lithuanian "Laisve" for 17 November,  
1924, with a translation of the article on the  
above subject which is marked with red pencil.

Respectfully,

*Henry H. Hough*

Henry H. Hough,  
Captain, U.S. Navy,  
Director of Naval Intelligence

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Translation from Lithuanian "Laisve," Soviet organ.  
Dated November 17, 1924, Page 1, Col. 6-7, Published at  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Russia's Communists Aiding Sacco and Vanzetti.

Have donated \$1,000 toward the defense of the Condemned  
in America.

Moscow! - The Revolutionary Aid Department of the  
Communists' Internationale has donated \$1,000 towards the defense  
of Sacco and Vanzetti, who in the State of Mass., have been  
innocently condemned to death for alleged murder.

The reactionaries accused and imprisoned these two  
fighting workmen without direct evidence in an effort to take  
their lives because they both were active fighters, leaders  
of the proletarians.

Their appeal for a new trial has been rejected and the  
case is now in the Mass. Supreme Court. Sacco is being held  
in prison in Dedham and Vanzetti in Charlestown. The workers  
of the whole world are protesting against the attempt of the  
American bourgeoisie to murder these two innocent defenders  
of the working class. Soviet Russia's Communists have, in  
thus fulfilling their duty, set a splendid example by donating  
such a sum of money.

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### STUDY OBJECTIVE

FRANCESCO SACCU R. VANZETTI

ARGENTINI PASMERKTYJŲ  
MIRTIN AMERIKOS

**Vat. con. i Komunisty!**

1,600 agglutinated spores in  
 1/4 oz. water, kept 24 hours in  
 water, and the material  
 was used for the purpose  
 of the experiment.

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SOVIETIN REKALAU-  
JIA FRANCIS GPB.  
Laimėjas  
SOCIETY BEGETS YOU

**LIVII KUDŮ LALVYNĀ**

**Parlyžia.** — Po Francijos priedurimu tarybų valdžios, atstovai rinkavosi į miestą, kad būtų gyvintasi Rusijai jos laivynas, kurie randasi Bitzerovs nuo-

te. Jis tenai tapo užinka-  
ruotas po supliekimui  
antrevoliucinės generolo

**2000 AWARD WINNING**

**WATGIAI RADIO APA-  
RATAI.**

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**Beitrymė. —** Čia parasta-  
vimeja naujausiais išrasti  
mažytiai radio aparatai,  
kurios galima įdėti į dru-  
soto kėleninką. Kainuoja  
tik 60 centų. Atrodo niekas  
danguis, kaip smotelis me-  
džio, su vieliniais apvynioji-

stojas Victor Berger, socialistas, tapo vėl ištiktas, gavo 488 balsų daugumą už jo opoziciją republikonams. Braun, Bergetis gavo 82, 176, o Braun — 31,688 balsus.

**Parādīna.** — Po Francijas priekšnimu Sovietu valdījos, atkarotini reikavami ieviekti, kad būtų grąžintas Rusijai jos laivynas, kurtis vandens Birzetos uoste. Jis tenai tapo užtikta nuostas po supjėkimu!

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PHILADELPHIA, PA. 12/11/24

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81916

SACCO AND VANZETTI - JOINT ANARCHIST

Radical Activities

& COMMUNIST PROTEST MEETING, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Philadelphia anarchists and Communists allied to force President Coolidge to suspend execution of SACCO and VANZETTI under threat to storm the jail in Massachusetts.

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DETAILS:

Agent is attaching to the original copy of this report a clipping taken from the Philadelphia Inquirer dated 12/2/24 which he felt was of sufficient importance to mention for the reason that the information appears to emanate thru official channels connecting the Soviet Government of Russia with the COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL, and the appropriation of 200,000,000 gold rubles (\$100,000,000) to be used for foreign propaganda, some of which is to be spent in the United States.

The sudden appearance of a French Army officer in Paris last week, who had been previously convicted by a Military Court Martial, was seized upon by French Communists as a signal to arouse

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their members to threaten to storm the prison and liberate him.

The following is a report of a confidential informant showing how local anarchists and Communists in Philadelphia are agitating to do practically the same thing:-

81917

Sunday, Dec. 7th 1924

SACCO AND VANZETTI PROTEST MEETING  
WAS A UNITED MEETING HELD JOINTLY BETWEEN  
COMMUNIST AND ANARCHISTS AT MUSIC FUND HALL,  
Sunday, Dec. 7th 1924 at 9:30 ANNOUNCED  
BUT STARTED AFTER 10 O'CLOCK.

Speakers: H.M. WICKS of New York.  
Chairman: Hughson. Also M. BALDINI, Editor  
of HUMANITA NOVA, an anarchist paper.

H.M. WICKS, - stated that it was time to crystallize by action all which had been said in the labor movement. He said that every possible means should be taken to save SACCO and VANZETTI from the chair. WICKS in an eloquent speech made his appeal to the workers, especially to those in Massachusetts to storm the prison in a united and powerful front and crush the doors of the prison and free SACCO and VANZETTI. He mentioned as an example the French Revolution stating that the mass of workers stormed the Bastille and freed the prisoners. He also referred to TOM MOONEY saying that while MOONEY was in the shadow of the gallows, the workers in this country pressed forcefully upon the late PRESIDENT WILSON to suspend the execution of MOONEY and that ex-President Wilson ordered the State of California to suspend this execution. He said that this should be done in the case of SACCO and VANZETTI and that PRESIDENT COOLIDGE should be compelled to countermand the execution of these men, but if these efforts fail, then the workers should use force, storm the prison and set SACCO and VANZETTI free. BALDINI spoke in Italian about the liberty; humanity; the tyranny of the White House, etc.

This is the first meeting of this sort which Agent has heard of where Anarchists and Communists have combined.  
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# **100,000,000 ALLOTTED TO SPREAD RED REVOLT**

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Soviet Government Appropriates 200,000,000 Gold Rubles for Propaganda

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BERLIN, Dec. 1.—The Soviet government has just appropriated 200,000,000 gold rubles (approximately \$100,000,000) out of the state treasury for the Communist Internationale according to an official announcement by Comptroller of Finance Sokolnikoff in the Ekonomicheskaya Zashita, copies of which reached Berlin today from Moscow.

The appropriation, Sokolnikoff adds, was placed at the direct disposal of M. Zinovieff, head of the Internationale executive committee, for foreign propaganda work. Most of this money probably will be spent in the Far East, near East, Balkans and Egypt, while some is destined for Poland, Germany, England, France and the United States. The announcement of the appropriation, which came under direct proof of the interdependence of the Soviet government and the Internationale, forms part of an extensive financial report by Sokolnikoff.

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[redacted] explained to Luban and Martini that Martini and Sacco resembled each other so much so that it was impossible to distinguish one from the other and that if Martini would agree to make an affidavit to the facts that he was the one who attempted the hold-up in Bridgewater, Massachusetts, Moore would file a motion for a new trial for Sacco and Vanzetti, on the grounds of Martini's confession, which would result in the release of Sacco and Vanzetti. Luban asked Moore and [redacted] what they would do with Martini if he (Martini) confessed to murder and Moore stated that the Attorney General of Massachusetts was anxious to dispose of the matter in favor of Sacco and Vanzetti and that he would not bother Martini, and that the State Department would be delighted to dispose of the controversy with the Italian Government and would, therefore, give Martini consideration, as well as Luban.

During this entire conversation Moore was in the room talking to the warden of the penitentiary. Luban stated that he had agreed to do what [redacted] had requested; whereupon, [redacted] called Moore over and told him that everything was all right. Moore then explained exactly what he asked Martini to testify to; namely, that Martini was to admit that he attempted the hold-up at Bridgewater with [redacted] and [redacted] alias [redacted] both of whom are reported to be at the present time in the Massachusetts State Prison. Moore stated that he had seen these two men and that they had agreed to testify as he had asked Martini to do, if Martini would agree to do this. Martini told Moore that he had never been in Bridgewater in his life and knew nothing about the town, and Moore stated that he would bring a map next day and explain the locality to him. Moore told Martini that the other two men were in the State Prison at Charleston, Massachusetts, and that they would not testify unless Martini sent a note by Moore, telling them that Martini would testify as they requested. Martini did not wish to do this but he finally agreed to it and a note was drawn up in the shape of a confession that Luban and Warden Dyche of the penitentiary witnessed. Moore came to the penitentiary the next day and advised them that he would have it arranged to have Luban and Martini brought to Massachusetts as soon as the new trial was granted and that he would have the other two men take the stand first, after which Martini would be called to the stand and asked concerning the hold-up, and that Martini would not have to admit on the stand that he had taken part in the hold-up for Moore would see that Martini would have a good lawyer who would prevent him from answering any questions on the ground of incriminating himself. Moore also wanted Martini to admit that he had committed the South Braintree murder and, upon Martini demurring, Moore stated that the confession at Bridgewater would be enough, because if they were turned loose on the highway robbery charge th

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murder charge would probably fall also. Moore stated that he would pay each of them \$5,000 when they reached Charleston and would give them \$5,000 more when Martini left the stand. He also stated that the Attorney General of Massachusetts knew all about this proposed arrangement and that he would be glad to get the Sacco and Vanzetti case disposed of in this way. b7c

In connection with this entire matter, Luban stated that in January, 1922, one [redacted] of New York came to the penitentiary to ascertain the likeness between Martini and Sacco.

I have outlined this matter in considerable detail to you in order that you may be thoroughly informed upon the conversation and wish that you would communicate with the Attorney General of the State of Massachusetts and advise him of this matter. If he is desirous of having any of his representatives interview Luban, I shall be very glad to facilitate the arrangements. I do not know how much foundation can be placed in the statement but am calling it to your attention in order that the Attorney General of Massachusetts may have an opportunity of knowing of it.

Very truly yours,

  
Director.

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TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE:

IN RE: SACCO-VANZETTI PROTEST MEETING. Held under auspices of  
Joint Board Dress and Waistmakers Union.

FACTS DEVELOPED:

This evening attended meeting held at Webster Hall, where about 100 people were present, most of whom were women. H. Berlin made a speech in which he said that Sacco and Vanzetti should not die in the electric chair because if they do the capitalist class will make it a habit to do the same with organizers who demand better conditions for the workers than a mere existence. He said they should not only attend meetings but should speak to their fellow workers and keep same up until these two men are freed, as they are in jail to defend the workers and the workers must defend them. He said the capitalists accused them of being assassins because they were calling strikes and preaching the gospel of the union.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.2. P.M.

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My letter Mr. Wisner from Mr. Burns  
over to see me. He showed me a letter  
from you with instructions to see me  
and Martoni in regards to the bridge  
and also case, I did not care to  
to turn much about it. He provided a  
card with atty Generals and your signature  
on it that convinced me that he is a  
member of your department.  
We did not have much time to explain  
all about the above mentioned case.  
We explained as much as possible.  
You must consider that Fred Moore  
visited Martoni and myself for  
5 days in succession and I explained  
to Mr. Wisner all I possible  
in short hours, Mr. Burns would  
you to know that the reason I  
agreed to make the deal with the

Read by  
OCT 10 1922  
Wm. J. Burns.

Does a Vignette defence<sup>2</sup> was with the purpose of  
binding all out and inform you about it, I mean  
to well that if you wanted me to do anything  
you would have said as your self, that sent  
some one else even without written instructions.  
But I played ignorant and made them believe  
that I take it for granted that it is for the  
interest and benefit of the state department  
that does and Vignette are released, I suppose  
they mentioned your name to me knowing I  
should do most anything for you. I did what  
I thought was the right thing. If you remember  
I immediately after Moores Vignette wrote to you  
and told you I had some valuable information  
for you which I believe concerns the state department.  
I could not write you what it was because all the  
mail going out from Atlanta River is being read.  
I can do so from this place. Mail going out or co-  
in is not read, should you want any  
details about this matter I will be the glad to  
give it to you, I suggest that you inform the  
attorney General of Mass. about all have the  
are trying to put it over on him or they will put  
it over on him, if possible keep my mouth shut  
of it, I know exactly what kind of witnesses  
they will produce in the motion for a new trial.  
I also know what they will say and what ever  
they will say is all framed up by the defence.  
Now Mr Burns, I don't want to worry you,  
But I want you to know that they sent  
me to jail in Athens, I got to support my self  
as we get 2 meals a day here that are not fit  
to eat, I got to pay for everything food, barber,  
clothes, and every little thing. I got a hundred  
dollars from my father for the lawyers to  
go to Washington if necessary. But, I used it



up for food and other necessities. But  
see why Mr. Hager don't get through with  
the cases, as far as I and Mr. Ottens  
concerned we are ready, we produced the  
evidence against this man and he has  
to plead guilty, and I assure the evidence  
I got against the other men is valid  
enough to make him plead guilty. I am  
sure that any one I testify against will  
not be able to holler for him up I got the  
signatures for the money and packages  
they received, I know for a fact that not  
only the Deputy Warden but even Mr.  
Whitman tried to discredit me. But I  
defy any body and dare any one to say  
I am any thing out of the way in this  
case, I know plenty more what is still  
going on. But I o.k. say and will say all  
I can prove by signatures and no one has  
to take my word. I hope this case  
will soon be over with so I am

not suffering to much ever since  
this investigation started,  
instead of Oppretation so far  
all I received is abuse, hounding  
by the guards and Deputy Warden  
now I am in a small jail not  
a drop of the air, locked up day and  
night, It is nt the sheriffs fault  
he dont get enough & no money  
to feed us. Mr Hager neglected

to instruct him to give us the  
air some as the latter papers  
are getting. I hope these cases will  
be over with soon and I will  
receive the consideration I am  
entitled to, I will only get it  
if you see to it that it is given  
to me as promised by Mr. Hager  
Mr. Bailey, and the others. I was assured  
immediate consideration and full  
consideration and I deserve it.  
P. S. I have had writing sent to Mr. Hager  
in the name of the (Luban) Great Hall

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Hon. Wm J. Burns.

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Mr. Wm J. Burns

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My dear Mr. Burns  
I was supposed to meet Mr. Wisner (I believe that is his name) at Mr. Hagers office Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> and furnish my statement as to the Vinzetti and Sacco case. If you are interested in this case and you want to prevent the affid from getting a new trial framed up and perjured testimony

you can do so by getting all the facts of  
whom they will produce and what kind  
of affidavits Moore and [redacted] <sup>b7c</sup> will  
present, I could not tell your man all  
I had to in the short while I seen him here.  
He came in late Saturday noon. One fact  
I want you to know and that is, [redacted]  
was receiving 50 dollars a week with all  
expenses paid on the condition that he gets  
Martinez to do what they wanted him to  
in return [redacted] <sup>b7c</sup> was to come out with  
the truth as to how the pinckertons got him  
to frame me and how much money he  
got from them for it, the bosses of the  
alg. clatching bureau of the world will show  
that [redacted] <sup>b7c</sup> received what ever they pro-  
mised him and of course neither I or Martinez  
would come across with such ridiculous  
framed up story and [redacted] <sup>b7c</sup> then refused.  
to come out with the truth as to how I was  
framed in other words while he received about  
2 or more thousand dollars or more he could not  
keep his promises with them. Of course my  
intentions of promising him to do as they  
wanted us to, was to get all the facts and  
notify you about it, I also thought may be



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[redacted] will come across with the truth.  
But he told my sister he consulted  
the U.S. atty. And he threatened to send  
him away for perjury. 2

I cant understand why Mr. Hager dont  
get through with at least the case  
where I am convinced the guards in  
question will have to plead guilty. I  
dont see why I and Martini have to  
suffer so much for the others who pro-  
bably havent got as sure case as we  
have. Why we are actually starving here.  
I have spent the 100 = I had in cash  
to support my self here, I also cant under-  
stand why Mr. Wataw is so terrible  
against anyone who appeared against  
the guards. He knows in his heart  
and soul they are more than guilty.

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He also knows that the Deputy Warden  
Mr. Fletcher tried to get prisoners  
to make me the goat and he failed  
as the truth came out, still the  
Deputy still holds his job. I also  
don't understand why after it was  
proving plain enough that the  
parole officer Conington is wrong  
Mr. Wataw still upholds him.

Mr. Burns it seems to me that  
you personally ought to get  
hold of what's going on at the  
Federal prison in Atlanta and  
you with all your experience I  
am sure will be surprised.

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If Mr. Staw was fair to the investigation the truth might have come out. But he is so badly against those who made statements against the guards that he don't even call them before parole board. He knows that the insupportable charges against the guards are true in every respect, still he upbraid them. The witnesses are humiliated and some of them starving. I hope you and the att. General will learn the whole truth soon.

Yours very Truly

Jacob Luban  
Box 191 at Long

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<p><b>ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 4/28/82 BY SP-8 JH/1988</b></p> <p>Reference is made to my previous reports on the above entitled investigation.</p> <p>"The Communist", an organ of the 3rd (Communist) International, published by the Executive Committee of Great Britain, in London, England, in its issue October 21, 1922, carries an article entitled "Sacco and Vanzetti", which brands the United States as a cess-pool of politics and legal corruption, and states that "Its parody of justice would fill with shame a Dey of Algiers". It further states that the United States is infested with spies, Pinkerton and Feltz detectives, thugs and gunmen, masters of the underworld, who will commit murder for a few dollars or perjure away the lives of guiltless strangers for a little monetary gain, and that the craft of the Czarist agent provocateur has been infinitely surpassed by the subtlety and cunning of the agent provocateurs in the United States in the 'frame-ups' that are now being made against men in the working class movement".</p> <p>Continuing its vicious attack upon this country, the article calls the United States "The black United States" and "the black republic of the West".</p> <p>Copy of this paper is submitted to the Bureau in accordance with S.A.C. 176.</p> <p>Investigation concluded at Detroit.</p>			
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November 15, 1922.

## Memorandum for Mr. Burns:

I attach report made by our Atlanta office concerning the Sacco-Vanzetti case, and call particular attention to the statements made by Luban and Martini to our agent in connection with the visit of the attorney for Sacco and Vanzetti - Fred Moore.

If Luban's statement is true, it is, of course, a very important matter, but as Luban is personally known to you, I presume you can judge as to his reliability.

Luban apparently will not give any detailed information to any one in Atlanta, or to any one, for that matter, unless he sees you personally, or some representative whom you may designate, as you will note from his numerous letters.

If the incident transpired at Atlanta, as related by Luban, affidavits should certainly be obtained, giving further details, as it would be very important for the government to have this information, in view of the embarrassment which the Sacco-Vanzetti case is causing the Department of State, and the state of Massachusetts.

Respectfully,

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December 8, 1922.

Mr. Lewis J. Bailey,  
P.O. Box 1226,  
Atlanta, Ga.

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Dear Sir:

This will introduce Mr. Albert Marvitz, Assistant Attorney General of the state of Massachusetts, who has been requested by the Attorney General of that state to interview Luban and Martini for the purpose of obtaining any additional information which may be in their possession concerning the Sacco and Vanzetti case.

You will recall that an Agent of your office was directed by this Bureau to interview Luban and Martini for the purpose of obtaining information concerning approaches which had been made to them by representatives of Sacco and Vanzetti to make certain false statements to be used in an application for a new trial.

I have given Mr. Marvitz a letter of introduction to United States Attorney Eger. I would appreciate it if you would have an Agent of your office facilitate Mr. Marvitz's mission and I also would appreciate your taking up with the United States Attorney the matter of according to Mr. Marvitz the privilege of interviewing Luban and Martini who, I am informed, are at the present time incarcerated in the jail at Athens, Georgia.

Very truly yours,

Director

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Dear Sir:

Acknowledgment is hereby made of the receipt of Bureau letter of the 28th ultimo, initialed JEH-IMR, referring to the attempt on the part of Attorney Fred H. Moore, of counsel in the Sacco-Vanzetti murder case in Massachusetts, to secure a false confession from one Paul Martini, a Federal prisoner undergoing sentence at Atlanta Penitentiary.

In accordance with instructions contained in the above Bureau letter, the facts referred to were brought to the attention of the Attorney-General of this State, who desires to express his thanks to the Bureau for the same and who said it was possible that he might visit Washington in the near future for the purpose of a conference with the Director in reference to the matter.

The information was also conveyed to the Assistant District Attorney conducting the prosecution of the case, who will assume office as District Attorney of Norfolk and Plymouth Counties in Massachusetts next month. Mr. Harold P. Williams, the District Attorney referred to, was also extremely interested in the facts presented and is very grateful to the Bureau for its information. Mr. Williams believes the matter to be of sufficient importance to warrant a visit to Atlanta Penitentiary, so that he may be in possession of the facts himself when motions for the new trial are passed upon. In the meantime he will review the situation with the present District Attorney, Mr. Fred G. Katzmenn, under whom he has served as assistant and who will be his first assistant for sometime after induction into office, and it is his intention to visit the Bureau in the very near future in order to confer with the Director and, if possible, to make arrangements to interview at first hand Federal prisoners Luban and Martini.

Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*  
Special Agent in Charge.





December 11, 1922.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BURNS.

On Friday Mr. Albert Hurwitz, Assistant Attorney General of Massachusetts, called at the office and stated that he was in Washington in line with the letter you sent Mr. Letherman concerning the statement made by Luban at the Atlanta jail in connection with the Sacco and Vanzetti case. He was leaving that day and I, therefore, drafted a letter to Mr. Hager, United States Attorney at Atlanta, asking him to facilitate Mr. Hurwitz' visit in Atlanta so that he may see Luban, who is now confined in the Athens jail. I also gave him a letter of introduction to Mr. Baley. The letter was in line with suggestions made by Mr. Votaw, who stated that Luban was in the Athens jail but had he been in the federal penitentiary, Mr. Votaw would have been able to arrange for the interview.

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Dear Mr. Burns:

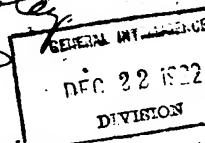
I have recently received from a reliable source in London a copy of a letter dated New York, November 17, addressed to a member of the I. W. W. in England who is interesting himself in a campaign in America for the release of political prisoners. The writer of this letter appears to be one Fred H. (?) Moody, who gives as his address Room 16, 256 Hanover Street, Boston, Massachusetts. I enclose herewith a copy of this letter as it contains interesting information regarding propaganda activities of the organization.

Very truly yours,

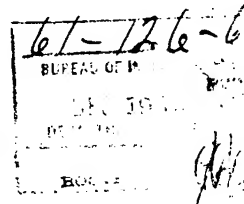
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Enclosure:  
As stated.

William J. Burns, Esquire,  
Director, Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.



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Dear Sir:

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Your letter of September 28th has been received. Your practical demonstration of the international solidarity of labor is most welcome.

We are enclosing a clipping from the Boston American the paper owned by William Randolph Hearst, and having the largest circulation in New England. This will give you a definite conception of the most recent development of the case. Other matters are in process of development which we trust will reveal even more definitely the details of this frame-up.

We are sending you some of the most recent publicity matter in a separate package. We will be most grateful if you will see to it that same is distributed in the most strategic places. Meanwhile, however, it occurs to us that this literature is all intended primarily for American consumption. Couldn't your organization get out a special statement with reference to the Sacco-Vanzetti matter, which would be designed to go exclusively to the British Isles and to the British Colonial Possessions, the same to be signed by yourself, Robert Williams, Tom Mann, George Lansbury, W. Webb, E. Pollitt, Ben Smith, Jack Turner and such other influential names as you might be able to secure. If you will prepare a statement and secure the signatures, then we will take care publication and distribution, provided, of course, that you will forward to us the names and addresses of the persons to whom we want same to go. We have the machinery of publicity and distribution fairly well organized and could take care of same unless, of course, you deemed it wise to handle the same from London. This is a question you alone would have to decide.

Of course, if we handle the matter of mailing out, we would be confronted with a 5¢ postage rate to South Africa and Australian points. This would be quite a considerable burden, if your list is a large one. Naturally we would tremendously appreciate it if you could handle the entire matter. It would save us printing and postage bills, in addition to labor.

We suggest that the propaganda that you send out should be primarily directed as against the use of the frame-up system in the American Courts in connection with labor disputes. Also it should involve a criticism of the extraordinary powers that have come to be vested in the American Courts as distinguished from the other Courts existing in the Anglo-Saxon world. We have specifically in mind on this point the extraordinary equitable powers of injunction in labor disputes that have been assumed by the Federal Courts in the United States - witness the recent sweeping injunction granted at Chicago against the striking shermen. Another phase of this same extraordinary power lodged in

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in the Courts is found in the fact that the Supreme Court of the United States has usurped power to set aside as unconstitutional legislative enactments, both State and Federal — witness the decision in the Child Labor cases. This last phase of control of Government by the Courts as distinguished from Government by the Legislature, has found its most bitter opponent in Senator Robert La Follette.

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Your literature should be placed upon a high plane and should be an appeal for an alliance of all the Anglo-Saxon working class and liberal world against the growing usurpation of power by the judiciary. In no sense as a limitation on what you should put out, but merely as a suggestive set of ideas, we are enclosing herewith a draft that approximately contains what we have in mind. The wide distribution of same and the action thereon by labor and progressive bodies throughout the British Isles and the British Colonial Possessions cannot be otherwise than beneficial, not merely in the case that we personally are vitally concerned in, but likewise in the general struggle that labor is making in America to-day.

Trusting that you can see your way to carry into effect this suggestion, either by printing and circulating yourselves or by signing a statement along these lines and having same signed by others, as suggested, and forwarding to us, together with list of names and addresses, we are,

Fraternally yours,

FRED H. MOODY.

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December 8, 1922.

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Mr. Clint W. Nager,  
United States Attorney,  
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Mr. Nager:

This will introduce Mr. Albert Hurwits, Assistant Attorney General of Massachusetts, and I would greatly appreciate it if you can arrange to extend to him the privilege of interviewing Luban and Martini who are incarcerated in the jail at Athens, Georgia.

It appears that both Luban and Martini were interviewed by Agents of this Bureau some time ago and gave information to the effect that they had been approached by representatives of Sacco and Vanzetti to make certain statements which would be used in asking for a new trial. These statements which they were supposed to have been requested to make were absolute falsehoods and it is very important to the Attorney General's office of Massachusetts to have the benefit of this information and to be accorded the privilege of questioning the subjects.

Your assistance in this matter will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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December 29, 1922.

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Hon. J. Weston Allen,  
Attorney General,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

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My dear General Allen:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 20th inst., and was very sorry that I was not here on December 8, when your assistant, Mr. Hurwitz, called.

I was very glad, indeed, to be of any assistance possible and if there is anything further I can do to aid in the matter, don't fail to command me.

I wish you every success in the Sacco-Vanzetti matter.

Wishing you a very happy and prosperous New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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December 30, 1922.



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Dear Mr. Burns:

With reference to my letter of December 15, I  
have just learned that the man whose name is given as  
Fred H. Moody is in reality Fred H. Moore, attorney for  
the Sacco-Vanzetti case.

Very truly yours,

*W. J. Burns*

William J. Burns, Esquire,  
Director, Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
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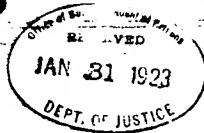
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Atlanta, Georgia,  
1/16/23.

Hon Wm J. Burns,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mr. Burns:

Yesterday morning I was taken back to Athens, By the time I reached Athens, there was a telephone call to bring me back to Atlanta. This is the most dangerous place for me to stay in. I am the only one here every body else is back in Athens. I cant find out what they want me here for again. Mr. Hager is seriously ill since Saturday. I sent some one to his home but the Doctors firbid for any one to disturb him. I have suffered more since this investigation than I ever did in all my life. Mr. Hager appreciates, probably you do, I dont know about the rest, I know Votaw dont. I received a letter from Mr. Sheriff as to whats what but just as my luck would be, Mr. Hager is very sick. I enclose a letter, a copy, of Judge Knox a letter to Martini, I rendered the most valuable service to the G. If any official was to call Judge Knox and Mr. Haywoods attention to the services I rendered they would probably recommend me if they were asked to. Of course Knox will pay little attention to me, besides I dont want to ask him for anything since he gave me such rotten raw deal and he knows it.

Moore and [REDACTED] are soon coming over again to see Martini, if the Attorney General will watch them he will get them dead to right. If you think it advisable you may inform him about it. The deffense for Vinzetti and Saco are not sleeping. They stop at nothing to get those two free. My information as the Attorney General told me is very important. But it is nothing to me but I am making some more very dangerous enemies, had they not mentioned your name in it I would not care what they do, but when Mr. Burns, and the Attorney General and others want them to go out free no matter what methods they use I knew they were lying specially since they said you was willing for them to go free whether guilty or innocent. You may do as you see fit about it. I am sick of it.

Faithfully yours, FEB 8

Jake Luban.

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February 5, 1923.

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Mr. Lawrence Letherman,  
Box 3185,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

I wish you would notify the people  
who have charge of the Sacco and Vanzetti  
case that in a letter just received from  
our informant he states:

"Moore and [redacted] are soon coming to  
see Martini. If they are watched you will  
get them dead to rights. .... The defense  
for Sacco and Vanzetti are not sleeping.  
They stop at nothing to get those two free."

This for their information if you care  
to take action.

Yours very sincerely,

Director.

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W. J. BURNS, Esq.,  
Director, Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

In Re: Sacco-Vanzetti-Protection of  
Foreign Representatives Limitation of  
Arms Conference.

Dear Sir:

Continuing on the above entitled matter, I directed a representative of this office to be present at the 106th Regiment Armory, Bedford & Atlantic Avenues, Brooklyn, on the 9th instant, at which time General Alphonse Jacques, Commander of the Belgian Army, presented a number of decorations to members of the Regiment. The agent covering this matter reported that there were about five thousand persons present, but no attempt was made on the part of any Anarchists or radical groups to cause any demonstration or to distribute literature.

Information was received by Agent [redacted] today to the effect that an Italian named Magliano, residing at 907 Trinity Avenue, New York City, and who is employed as a barber on 161st Street, between Trinity and Jackson Avenue, has repeatedly called attention to the fact that the Anarchists in Italy will make a demonstration in the event that Sacco and Vanzetti are punished by the authorities at Dedham. According to the informant, who is [redacted] and who resides at [redacted], Magliano is an Anarchist, well versed in radical literature, and a warm admirer of both Sacco and Vanzetti; that he has collected clippings from the various newspapers concerning the case at Dedham, and proudly exhibits same.

The informant in this case has volunteered his services to make every effort possible to ascertain what organizations Magliano is affiliated with, and to keep in touch with him in order to learn whether he has knowledge of any group that contemplates violence toward American officials or representatives of foreign Governments.

FEB 10 1929

Plans are still under way for the monster mass meeting scheduled to take place on or about November 27th, although up to the present time same have not been perfected.

Yours very truly,

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EDWARD J. BRENNAN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

February 13, 1953.

JRM/lms

Mr. Lawrence Letherman,

P.O. Box 3265,

Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I have been informed that District Attorney  
Harold F. Williams of the Southern District of  
Massachusetts has an affidavit for Martini and Lohan  
relative to the former's conversation with Mr. Moore.  
The attorney for Sacco and Vanzetti.

I would appreciate it if you would communicate  
with Mr. Williams and, if possible, obtain a copy of this  
affidavit in order that the same may be placed in our  
files so that they might be complete. It, of course, would  
be treated in the strictest of confidence.

Very truly yours,

Director

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February 17, 1923.

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Mr. Lewis J. Paley,

P.O. Box 1088,

Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a communication which I have received from District Attorney Harold P. Williams, in charge of the Sacco-Vanzetti case, and you will note his statement that Messrs. Moore and [REDACTED] are contemplating visiting Martini, who is now confined at the Atlanta Penitentiary.

I have informed Mr. Williams that I have taken the matter up with you and am directing you to see that an Agent of this Bureau is present in the event of such visit.

Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*

Director.

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Department of Justice,

Bureau of Investigation.

P.O. Box 1058,  
Atlanta, Ga.,  
February 19, 1923.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
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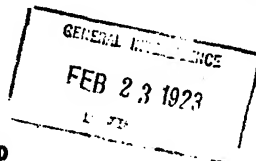
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Dear Sir:-

ATTENTION MR. HOOVER - 2

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 17th instant, JEH:LMR, and its inclosure, in which you direct that arrangements be made to have an Agent present when Messrs. Moore and [redacted] visit Martini in connection with the Sacco-Venzetti case. Martini, as you no doubt know, was one of the men held as a witness in connection with recent narcotic cases at the Federal Prison, and is at the present time, with some of the other witnesses, in the Clarke County Jail at Athens, Georgia. I am advised by the U. S. Attorney here that arrangements have been made to transfer some of these prisoners, Martini being one of them, to the Federal Prison at Leavenworth, Kansas, and this will probably be done in a very short time. If these men come to interview Martini while he is in my District I will arrange to have an Agent present as directed.

Very respectfully,



LJB:D

*Lewis J. Bailey*

Lewis J. Bailey,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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February 19, 1923.

JEH/LMR

Mr. Lawrence Letherman,  
P.O. Box 3125,  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

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Replying to your communication of the 15th instant concerning the assignment of an Agent to be present at any interview participated in by attorney Fred H. Moore, counsel in the Sacco-Vanzetti case, and Luban or Martini, I have to advise you that the Atlanta office has been instructed to render the assistance necessary in such an event. The Atlanta office will communicate with the penitentiary in order that it may be kept advised of any contemplated visits by Fred H. Moore.

I have communicated direct with Mr. Harold P. Williams, District Attorney at Boston, concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

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February 24, 1923.

JRM/LMR

Mr. Marshall Eberstein,  
P.O. Box 434,  
Kansas City, Mo.

61-126

Dear sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a communication which I have received from District Attorney Harold P. Williams, in charge of the Sacco-Vanzetti case, and you will note his statement that Messrs. Moore and [REDACTED] are contemplating visiting Martini, who has been confined at the Atlanta Penitentiary. b7c

I have informed Mr. Williams that I have taken the matter up with you and am directing you to see that an Agent of this Bureau is present in the event of such visit.

This matter is being called to your attention for the reason that Martini and Luban are being transferred from the Penitentiary at Atlanta to the Penitentiary at Leavenworth.

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*

Director.

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February 24, 1923.

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Mr. Lawrence Letherman,  
P.O. Box 3185,  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a communication received from the Agent in Charge of our Atlanta office relative to the request made by the District Attorney in charge of the Sacco - Vanzetti case concerning the contemplated visit of Moore and [redacted] to Martini in the Atlanta Penitentiary. b7c

I am today communicating with our office at Kansas City, advising them of the entire situation and am issuing them the same instructions that have been issued to Mr. Bailey at Atlanta in the event that the attorneys for Sacco and Vanzetti should endeavor to see Martini at the Leavenworth Penitentiary.

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
Director.

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Department of Justice,

Bureau of Investigation.

P.O.Box 1058,  
Atlanta, Ga.,  
Feb. 24, 1923.

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Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:- ATTENTION MR. HOOVER - 2

Replying further to your letter of the 17th instant, JEH:LMR, concerning the contemplated visit of Messrs. Moore and [REDACTED] to a prisoner named MARTINI, in connection with the SACCO-VENZETTI case, I beg to state that I have just been advised by the United States Attorney here that MARTINI, JAKE LUBIN, and some others, were taken from the Clarke County Jail, at Athens, Ga., on the 22nd instant to the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. This information is given you in order that our Kansas City Office may be instructed to be present in case these men go there to interview MARTINI, if you desire to do so. b7C

Very respectfully,

*Lewis J. Bailey*

Lewis J. Bailey,  
Special Agent in Charge.

LJB:D

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Department of Justice,  
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7 Water Street, Boston, Mass.

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Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
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Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

In reference to your letter of last week, initial-  
ed WJB, advising of the receipt of information from the Feder-  
al Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, to the effect that Attor-  
ney Fred H. Moore, counsel in the Sacco-Vanzetti murder case in  
this district, intended to visit that institution in the near  
future for the purpose of a further conversation with Luban or  
Martini, it is desired to state that the information concerning  
Mr. Moore's contemplated visit was conveyed to Mr. Harold P.  
Williams, District Attorney and prosecutor in that case, and  
Mr. Williams wishes to know if arrangements could be made so  
that a Bureau Agent could be present at that time in order to  
overhear the conversation between Moore and Luban or Martini.  
If such arrangements could be made Mr. Williams would be than-  
kful for the same. Attached hereto will be found a copy of  
his letter of the 10th instant.

Very truly yours,

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Lawrence Letherman,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Southeastern District

Office of the District Attorney

Boston, Mass., February 10, 1923.

Mr. Lawrence Letherman,  
P. O. Box 3185,  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

b7c

[REDACTED] of your office has shown me the letter of Mr. Burns in reference to the coming visit of Messrs. Moore and [REDACTED] to Atlanta. It would be advisable I think to have some department agent present at any conference between Moore and either Luban or Martini, if arrangements can be made. On Moore's first visit to the Atlanta Penitentiary the Warden was present at the interview, but paid no particular attention to it. If some Department of Justice investigator acting for the time being in the guise of an office of the prison could be present he would probably get the substance of everything which Moore would say.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) H. P. Williams,

District Attorney.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

HAROLD P. WILLIAMS  
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WILLIAM P. KELLEY  
SECOND ASST. DIST. ATTORNEY  
BRAINTREE

Boston, Mass., February 10, 1923

MAR 7 1923

Mr. William J. Burns,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Lawrence Leatherman of your Boston office has shown me a letter from you dated February 5th in reference to the contemplated visit of Messrs. Moore and [REDACTED] to see Martini, who is now at the Atlanta Penitentiary in reference to the Sacco-Vanzetti cases. <sup>b7c</sup>

I have suggested to Mr. Leatherman that, if possible, would be well to have a Department of Justice investigator present at any interview between Moore and Martini, or between Martini and Luban, Martini's associate. I should think this might be accomplished without exciting Moore's suspicion by having it appear that the investigator was an employee or guard in the prison.

We have obtained an affidavit from Martini and Luban as to the former's conversation with Moore and it is of course of the utmost importance to find out what further plans Moore has in reference to these same prisoners. My office is in charge of the prosecution of the Sacco and Vanzetti in the Norfolk and Plymouth District, and I shall be greatly obliged for any further

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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help or information which your office can give me in reference to  
the activities of the defendants' counsel.

Very respectfully yours,

MPW

*W. P. Kelley*  
District Attorney.



February 15, 1963.

Mr. Hoover:

Prepare a letter for Mr. Burns' signature telling Williams that we have written our office at Atlanta and tell him that whenever this takes place we will arrange to have an Agent present.

Then write to Baley telling him about it.

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REPORT MADE AT: Kansas City, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE: Feb. 28, '23	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: Feb. 27, '23	MADE BY: [REDACTED] b7c
TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE: RE: SACCO AND VANZETTI - Executed in Norfolk Radicals and Plymouth District. <b>ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED</b> 61-126			
FACTS DEVELOPED: DATE <u>6/28/82</u> BY <u>SP-10</u> K.C. 10004. Attention Mr. Hoover-2. At Kansas City, Missouri.			
<p>Reference is hereby made to Director's letter dated Feb. 24, 1923, JEH-LLR-transmitting a communication from District Attorney HAROLD P. WILLIAMS of Boston Mass. of which the following is a copy:</p> <p>"I am enclosing herewith a copy of a communication which I have received from District Attorney Harold P. Williams, in charge of the Sacco-Vanzetti case, and you will note his statement that Messrs. Moore and [REDACTED] are contemplating visiting Martini, who has been confined at the Atlanta Penitentiary. b7c</p> <p>I have informed Mr. Williams that I have taken the matter up with you and directing you to see that an Agent of this Bureau is present in the event of such visit.</p> <p>This matter is being called to your attention for the reason that Martini and Luban are being transferred from the Penitentiary at Atlanta to the Penitentiary at Leavenworth."</p> <p>Agent was instructed by S.A.C. MARSHALL EBERSTEIN to go to the U.S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Ks and arrange with WARDEN BIDDLE (if prisoners MARTINI and LUBAN have arrived there) so that an Agent may be present at any interview that attorneys MOORE and [REDACTED] may have with above named prisoners.</p> <p>Agent was informed by Warden BIDDLE that MARTINI and LUBAN were received at the Prison from Atlanta on Feb. 23, 1922, also a third prisoner</p>			
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[REDACTED] Should attorneys MOORE AND [REDACTED] show up the Warden will arrange so an Agent of this office can be present (under suitable pretext) at any interview they may have with said prisoners. He will put them off 24 hours from seeing the prisoners so as to give this office timely notice.

Warden BIDDLE further stated that MARTINI, LUBAN AND [REDACTED] on the day of their arrival demanded to be put in isolation claiming they were in fear of bodily harm from one [REDACTED] a prisoner whom they testified against at Atlanta, they acted arrogant and imprudent and the Warden told them if they did not deport themselves properly they would be in isolation sooner than they expected.

On Monday the 26th inst. JAKE LUBAN sent out a long letter to Warden's office to be mailed to the Hon. WM. J. BURNS, Dept. of Justice, Washington, D.C. [REDACTED] sent out a letter addressed Hon. W. H. CRIK Asst. Atty General, Dept. of Justice, Washington, D.C. and PAUL MARTINI sent out a letter to be mailed to Hon. CLINT W. HAGER U.S. Atty, Atlanta, Ga.

The Warden stated that those letters were not mailed as requested, as he considered the contents arrogant and impertinent especially when addressed to Government Officials. He notified the Supt. of Prison, MR. VOTAW that he had held those letters up and he sent copies of said letters to Mr. VOTAW.

Agent believing it advisable that the Director should know the contents of those letters, made a request for and received copies of same, which are herein quoted:

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Agent also learned that those 3 prisoners on Feb. 28, 1923 after they arrived in Leavenworth, Ks with 3 Guards, and before they were delivered to the Penitentiary, called on a young

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attorney in Leavenworth, Ksn named JAS. P. OLSON. Agent interviewed J. P. OLSON who stated those 5 prisoners with their guards called on him, he never seen or heard of them before, Luban done all the talking he paid Atty OLSON \$25 he first had the atty to send a wire to Wm. J. Burns Dept. of Justice, Washington D.C. that he LUBAN was now at the U.S. Pen at Leavenworth, As, he had him write two letters to his people, notifying them of his present address. he requested atty OLSON to prepare and send a letter to Wm. J. BURNS Wash. D.C. requesting that he be moved to some county jail and if that could not be done, to have him and MARTINI transferred back to Atlanta, Ga.

He gave two letters to Atty Olson to assist him in preparing his letter to Wm. J. Burns, they were both letters written by Wm. J. Burns one being addressed to Max Michael, So. Mutual Bldg, Athens and dated Jan. 17, 1923 and one addressed to Alex H. Kamarsky, 305 Bway, N.Y. City, dated Dec. 12, 1922.

Atty OLSON was notified by the Warden that no letters should be written under them conditions as it was a Violation of Prison rules, and Mr. OLSON stated he would return the letters and the fee he received to Warden BIDDLE.

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**Department of Justice,**

**Bureau of Investigation.**

7 Water Street, Boston, Mass.

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March 9, 1923.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with request contained in Bureau letter of the 13th ultimo, initialed JEH-LMR, this office transmits herewith copies, in duplicate, of affidavits secured by Mr. Albert Hurwitz, Assistant Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, from federal prisoners Jacob Luban and Paul Martini, on December 14th, 1922, at the Atlanta Penitentiary, in reference to the matter of alleged subornation of perjury on the part of Mr. Fred Moore, attorney in the Sacco-Vanzetti murder case in this State.

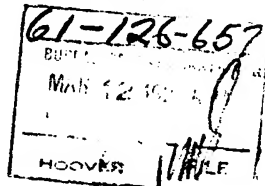
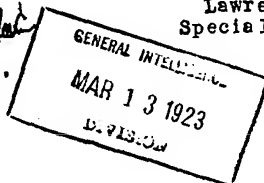
Very truly yours,

*Lawrence Letherman*

Lawrence Letherman,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Instructions received from Special Agent in Charge, [redacted] [redacted] 1  
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REPORT MADE AT: Boston, Mass.	DATE WHEN MADE: 4/-6/1923.	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/29/1923.	REPORT MADE BY: [redacted] b2 b7c
TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE: SACCO VANZETTI DEFENCE COMMITTEE, Boston, Mass.			Alleged Anarchist Activities
FACTS DEVELOPED: At Chelsea, Mass. DATE 4/2/23 BY SP-8 BTJ/wh 12 b7c			
On March 29, 1923, while in conversation with [redacted] Informant was [redacted] vised that the Labor Defence Council and the Sacco-Vanzetti Defence Committee will hold a secret meeting at the headquarters of the Work Party at 60 Pemberton Square, Boston, Mass., to which meeting only bers of the two organizations will be invited. Informant was also advised that the object of the meeting was to appoint members to a mittee to do organization and agitation work amongst the Marine Trans port Workers of the I.W.W. and amongst trade union members of the r road workers. [redacted] the members of the Labor Defen Council and of the Sacco-Vanzetti Defence Committee had already met representatives of the Marine Transport Workers and that a meeting been arranged to take place at Paine Memorial Hall, 9 Appleton street Boston, Mass., on Sunday afternoon, April 8, 1923, which meeting w be held under the auspices of the Marine Transport Workers Union and the Sacco-Vanzetti Defence Committee. MRS. LUCY E. PARSONS, widow Albert Parsons, who was hanged in Chicago some years ago, was schedu to [redacted] together with other speakers whose names were not given. [redacted] [redacted] and also advised that REFERENCE: COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: WASHINGTON 3, BOSTON 2.			

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My name is Albert Hurwitz, I am assistant Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and have come down to interview you with reference to an interview that one Mr. Moore and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had with you some time in the early Spring, 1922.

Before having you make a statement I will state that you understand that I am making no promises in return for any statement you make, and I hold out no threats.

Statement of Jacob Luban:

Q Your full name is Jacob Luban?

A Yes.

Q You were sentenced to the Federal Penitentiary in Atlanta in 1920?

A 1920.

Q And was serving your sentence in the Spring of 1922 at that penitentiary?

A Yes.

Q You are now at the Clarke County Jail at Athens?

A Yes.

Q Having been transferred here some time ago through the Federal District Attorney's advice?

A Yes.

Q By reason of some investigation involving the traffic in narcotics at the Federal Penitentiary?

A Yes.

Q Without me asking you any specific questions at the present time I will ask you to be kind enough to tell me all those things that led up to the interview that Mr. Moore had

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with you, and the interviews you had with him.

b7c Together with me and Paul Martini was another defendant by the name of [REDACTED]. He plead guilty during the first trial, having first testified that he was innocent. He then confessed to perjury and turned Government evidence against the two of us, as he admitted later he done so on the promises made to him that he would only get a sentence of 30 days. I was convicted on his testimony, was sentenced and sent off to Atlanta. On or about April 18, 1922, I was called to the Warden's office for a visit, which is very unusual, because every visit a prisoner gets in the Federal Penitentiary a guard must be present. When I came into the Warden's office I found Martini and another one, a man whom I later learned to be [REDACTED] of Boston, working for the defense of certain two men by the name of Vanzetti and Sacco. Martini introduced me to this [REDACTED] and told me that [REDACTED] came to see Martini to find out if he had anything to do at any time with the crime at Bridge-water, Mass, committed by Vanzetti and Sacco. During the conversation with [REDACTED] he told me while he personally knew that Martini had nothing to do with it, he had to come here to speak to Martini for two reasons. One of the reasons was he was getting paid for coming over, and the second reason was to cover himself and brother, because of money taken during the Braintree holdup which was deposited by his brother. [REDACTED] said that his brother deposited a certain amount of money that was equal with the amount taken

at the Braintree, Mass, and his brother could not afford to tell where he got it to deposit he agreed to help along and do whatever counsel for the defendants Sacco and Vazetti wanted him to do. He then tried to induce Martini to speak to a certain lawyer by the name of Fred H. Moore. Upon my advice Martini consented to talk to Moore. Q Who else was present at this interview between [REDACTED] and You and Martini?

A The warden, J. A. Dyche.

Q Did this interview take place in his private office?

A In his private office, which I stated before was unusual.

On the next day Martini and I was called to the W arden's office again. On the second day [REDACTED] introduced us to another man by the name of Fred Moore, who neither one of us had never seen before. Mr. Moore started to speak to us about Sacco and Vanzetti case, and we told him we didn't know the first thing about it. He then asked if we would like to talk to [REDACTED] the man who testified against us during our trial. I was very much surprised to learn of any connection between [REDACTED] and Moore, and I asked Mr. Moore how does he come to be connected with a low life like this [REDACTED] was, and here is what he explained to Martini and myself. [REDACTED] was brought to Boston from Philadelphia by several indictments that were pending against [REDACTED] in Boston for forgery and mail robbery. It was at the police headquarters Moore happened to meet [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] made a proposition to Mr. Moore that if he will help him get out of his troubles he will be a great help to Mr. Moore in Sacco

and Vanzetti case. I don't know exactly what arrangements were made between Mr. Moore and [REDACTED] but as Mr. Moore explained to me he got him out and took him over to his office which is not far away from headquarters. When [REDACTED] came into Moore's office he seen a picture he thought was very familiar to him. In fact, he recognized Mr. Paul Martini's picture. [REDACTED] said what is Martini's picture doing in your office. Moore told him the picture was one of Sacco's. [REDACTED] insisted it was Martini. Then Moore thought for a minute that maybe Martini is one who committed the crime in Bridgewater and Braintree and they mistook Sacco for Martini. [REDACTED] in his heart knew that Martini had nothing to do with it, because Martini was with [REDACTED] together in New York at the time these robberies and murders were committed. Mr. Moore started to questioning Martini about Bridgewater and Braintree, and very soon found out that Martini don't know the first thing about either one of these places, nor neither does Martini know anything about this attempted robbery and murder. I finally consented to speak to [REDACTED] When [REDACTED] came in I asked him what business has he got here, and what did he come for, and he told me that he was working for the Amalgamated Garment Workers' Union of America. He was working as investigator for Mr. Moore on this particular Sacco and Vanzetti case. He was being paid \$50.00 a week and all expenses by the Amalgamated Union. He then told me how sorry he was he testified finally against me. He done it because the Pinkerton Agency forced him to testify it, they threatened they would send him to prison to life. He told me that he

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willing to confess to the facts that he perjured himself providing I will help him to get Martini to take the blame partly of the Bridgewater attempted robbery. I asked him then to explain to me fully what he meant. I was talking to [REDACTED] while Martini was talking to Mr. Moore. During my conversation with Martini I was interrupted by Moore who said to me "there is no use talking Martini don't know the first thing about Bridgewater or about Braintree, but is willing to help along and take the blame providing Mr. Moore will keep the promise that he made him. I forgot to state that when Mr. Moore came to Atlanta he told me he was in Washington, that he seen Mr. William J. Burns and Attorney General Dougherty, and that they told him they would be glad if this case would be disposed of in any way at all, as long as Sacco and Vanzetti go free. He also told me that he had a conversation with Attorney General Allen of Massachusetts, a man I never heard of or never seen in my life before, and that Mr. Allen told him that if he can find a way how to free Sacco and Vanzetti, "we don't care whether legitimate illegitimate", that he Mr. Allen would help him along in any way shape or form. (X)

Q Did he say why the Federal officials and the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts were interested?

A Yes he says that the Radicals in Italy were throwing bombs at the American Ambassador's building, and they were agitating it over this country on account of that case because Sacco and Vanzetti were considered good union men, and their conviction is a stain on the entire organization and they would stop at

nothing to get them free. If necessary there is millions behind it.

Q You said something about Martini saying he would go through with it if Mr. Moore would keep his promise, what promises did he make?

A First of all it looked to me very much that Mr. Moore had been to Washington, because he had credentials and permissions to see us private, which I said before is very unusual, and he says Mr. Allen is the one that secured these privileges for him. He also told me that the Governor of Massachusetts offered through Mr. Allen a commutation of sentence to these two men if Mr. Moore will put an application in, but Mr. Moore wanted to get them out free entirely.

Q You say that Martini said finally that he would agree provided Moore would keep his promise, what were the promises?

(XX) A The promises made to me were these, first that Mr. Moore will use his influence to get Martini and myself out of prison, and second that [REDACTED] would go to New York and confess to his part of the perjury which would show my innocence automatically. Third, that we would receive \$5000.00 apiece before Martini takes the stand, \$5000.00 apiece after he goes off the stand; fourth, that Martini will get a good lawyer who will instruct him while Martini is on the stand testifying, this lawyer will instruct him to refuse to answer questions on the grounds of incriminating and degrading himself, that will create an impression with the judge that he did not want to commit himself, but it is true that he is the one and not Sacco who committed the attempt

holdup in Bridgewater, and he believes on these grounds Sacco and Vanzetti will get a new trial. Later on Martini will be able to defend himself by telling the truth and showing that really while this murder and attempted murder was committed Martini was in New York. (K^)

Q What did Moore say he wanted Martini to do?

A He wanted Martini to confess that he together with another man named [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] committed the attempted robbery at Bridgewater. He said these two men were willing to take the blame for it, and was also willing to testify that Martini was along with them, providing Martini will consent to it, not otherwise. [REDACTED] suggested to Mr. Moore that

Martini send a note to these two men in Charlestown jail telling them that it is perfectly all right to him if they go ahead and admit the Bridgewater robbery and take him on it, that he would be all right. That was the end of that.

(XX\*) On the next day again Moore, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] came over to the prison, and we were again called to the warden's office.

Martini and I both told Mr. Moore and [REDACTED] both that it is not advisable to take [REDACTED] into confidence. Martini also told Mr. Moore that [REDACTED] brother has got part of the money in the bank that was gotten during the Braintree murder. It seems that Moore was kind of surprised, but didn't care to talk about it. They sent [REDACTED] out of the

office to another room in which the warden's secretary occupies, and the four of us in the presence of Warden Dyche started to talk matters over again. Mr. Moore, as well as

[REDACTED] assured us again that Martini will not suffer one